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EXAMINING GROUP 2823**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kyoichi SUGURO et al.

Application No.: 10/661,564

Filed: September 15, 2003

For: ANNEALING FURNACE,
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS,
ANNEALING METHOD AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF
ELECTRONIC DEVICE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, the period for response to which extends through November 12, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose amending the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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